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Applicant(s):	Ellen O. AELING et al.)	Group Art Unit:	1772
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For:	PERFORATED FILM CONSTRUCTIONS FOR BACKLIT SIGNS)		

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RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

The Office Action of 13 February 2003 has been received and reviewed. No claims were amended. The pending claims are claims 1-28. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

The 35 U.S.C. §103 RejectionClaims 1-7, 9-16, 19-25 and 28

Claims 1-7, 9-16, 19-25 and 28 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,939,168 to Andriash (hereinafter "Andriash") in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,830,529 to Ross (hereinafter "Ross") or U.S. Patent No. 3,694,945 to Detiker (hereinafter "Detiker") or U.S. Patent No. 6,079,844 to Whitehead et al. (hereinafter "Whitehead"). Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection, and the assertions presented in support of the rejection, for at least the following reasons.

Claims 1-7, 9-16, 19-25 and 28 recite film constructions that include a front surface, a back surface, a plurality of perforations distributed over the film construction, and opaque land area separating the plurality of perforations. Each of independent claims 1, 11, and 20 include the recitation that "at least about 50% of normal incident light directed at the land area on the

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